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OUTSTANDING DUES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain companies which have defaulted to pay licence fees have been allowed to bid for further cellular licence;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to recover the dues?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (c): Sir, there is no restriction at the stage of bidding for further cellular licence by a defaulting company. However, successful bidder company shall furnish, before signing the licence agreement, `No Dues Certificate` from Department of Telecommunications in respect of all payments arising out of any licence granted under Section 4 of Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 (including Indian Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1933) to the successful bidder company or any promoter/partner or associate/sister concern thereof.